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**Applicant:** VACHON, Erick et al.

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**For:** SYSTEM FOR THE RECUPERATION OF SEPTIC TANK CONTENT

**Docket Number:** 12888

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Alexandria, VA 22313

December 29, 2003

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 30, 2003**  
**AND**  
**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply. Accompanying this amendment is a Petition for a three-month Extension of Time from September 30, 2003 to December 30, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on December 29, 2003.

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, please amend the above-noted application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 27 and 28 without prejudice, amend the claims 10 and 18, and add new claims 29-31 as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.